

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, Claim 22 has been amended. Claims 22 and 25-35 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of December 7, 2006, Claims 22, 23 and 25-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) on the grounds of anticipation by Wallace et al. In the Advisory Action of March 2, 2007, the Examiner indicated that Figs. 17A and 17B of Wallace et al. disclose a second portion of the vasoocclusive device that extends outwardly from a first portion and comprises a second operable, coiled shape with a plurality of helical loops formed by mandrels 702 and 704, or alternatively Figs. 20A-20D of Wallace et al. disclose a plurality of outwardly extending helical loops 850. However, these outer loops of Wallace et al. are all single loops close to the central body not extending in an elongated configuration, and all appear to merely uniformly continue the basic orthogonal configuration of the inner portion of the vasoocclusive device. Claim 22 has been amended to clarify that the second portion extending outwardly from the first portion in its second configuration is quite different, having an elongated configuration with a plurality of helical loops. Claim 22 now recites "a second portion including a plurality of helical loops having a second operable, elongated configuration with a substantially helical coil shape with said plurality of helical loops extending outwardly from the first portion in its second configuration for filling and reinforcing the three dimensional shaped portion when the vasoocclusive device is implanted at the site in the vasculature

to be treated." Support for this amendment can be found in Fig. 3B showing the plurality of helical loops in the portion 9', and in the specification at page 9, lines 12-16.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims as amended patentably distinguish Wallace et al., and that the claims should now be allowable.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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